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The Honorable Commissioner of
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Washington, DC 20231

AMENDMENT AFTER RESPONSE A

Sir:

Please add claims 28 through 33. Applicant here attaches the entire set of pending claims 12-27 with the addition of new claims 28-33.

The reason for the present amendment is as follows:

the Examiner rejected claims 1, 15, 21, 32 and 59 in co-pending Application 09/249,543 under a provisional double patenting rejection. Consequently, Applicants have moved these claims into the present Application. Claims 1 and 32 of 09/249,543 prior to amendment are now claims 28 and 32 respectively in the present Application, claim 15 of 09/249,543 is now claim 37 in the present Application and claim 59 of 09/249,543 corresponds to claim 12 in the present Application.

A Terminal Disclaimer was submitted with Response A. In a telephone conference with the Examiner, the Examiner noted that the Terminal Disclaimer had been rejected on administrative grounds. Applicants therefore here include a substitute Terminal Disclaimer.